

TIPS TO FIND WELL CONSTRUCTION REPORTS



BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- You can access the two databases where all Wisconsin Well Construction Reports are stored. These are the same databases that DNR staff use. Well Construction Reports are sometimes referred to as WCRs or well logs.
- You are the best person to search the databases, since you have the most information about the property.
- **If you don't find the report you are looking for, most likely there is no report on file.** Depending on the age of the well, a report may not have been submitted. Some older reports do not have enough location information to match with the current property address.
 - ♦ If a well was drilled within the last 2 months, the Well Construction Report may not be in the database yet.
- Realtors, private well owners, well contractors and inspectors are four groups who often search these databases to look for specific Well Construction Reports.

SEARCH TIPS

[WELL CONSTRUCTION REPORTS on file since 1988](#) (DNR website)

Search by Entering Information

- **The best search results come from entering a limited amount of data.**
 - ♦ If you have the WI Unique Well No (WUWN), search using only that number.

The WUWN is the unique identifier of a well - for example: AB 123 or WZ568
 - ♦ If you have a Township/Range/Section, search using those coordinates
 - ♦ If you have a property address, search by choosing the county and entering a portion of the street name only. For example, for 123 West Birch Tree Way in Door County, enter:

County: Door
Address: birch
 - ♦ Whatever criteria you use, note that different spellings, abbreviations and/or spaces may not give you a result. Also, older records may not always have a fire number or house number - for example: Route 1, River Road.

OR

Search the Map

- Zoom in to your well area using the + sign on the map
- Click on map and the PLSS will appear in Section/Township/Range format (for example [11 21N 04E])
- Click button at the upper right side of the screen
- You will be taken back to the Information page

To find results of either search method above:

- Scroll to bottom of the Information page
- Click button
- The search results will appear in a table

To view and/or print:

- To view Well Construction Report data, click on the [WI Unique Well No \(WUWN\)](#) link for the line you want to view
- If this is not the report you are looking for, use the Back Arrow to return to the table of search results
- To print, click on the [Printer Friendly Version](#) link

[WELL CONSTRUCTION REPORTS on file from years prior to 1988 \(exit DNR\)](#)

MAP

- Zoom in using the + sign until the well symbols are visible
- Click on the symbols near your property (look at all symbols within ½ mile)
- Click on the link that appears for an image of the well construction report
- Several well construction reports may be associated with a single symbol

OR

SEARCH tab

- Select your search in the pull-down menu
 - ♦ Public Land Survey: use Township/Range/Section format (for example, [21N 04E 11])
 - ♦ Coordinates: Latitude/Longitude in Decimal Degrees
 - ♦ County

ABOUT tab

- review important information explaining the well data on the WGNHS website

HOW TO Tab

- review the helpful general steps & notes

WELL CONSTRUCTION REPORT Q & A

• **How can I find out how deep my well is?**

Search the databases to find the Well Construction Report for your well. The report will indicate the drillhole depth and the casing depth. If you cannot find a Well Construction Report for your well, you can hire a licensed well professional to inspect the water supply system and measure the well depth for you.

• **Where do I find my Township/Range/Section information?**

You can find this information on your property tax bill, in a plat book from your county, or click on the map in the database where your property is located.

• **How can I locate my well in your database using my tax parcel number?**

Well Construction Report databases do not use tax parcel numbers. Try entering other property information into the search boxes, or click on the map to find the Township/Range/Section for your property.

• **How can I find out my well yield or how many gallons per minute (gpm) of water supplies my house?**

A Well Construction Report will only indicate the gpm of the initial test done when the well was drilled. You can hire a licensed well professional to inspect your water supply system and determine the current gpm or yield.

• **Where can I find a list of licensed well professionals in my area?**

See DNR's web page for lists of [Licensed well drillers and licensed pump installers](#).

• **Where can I find information about the drinking water quality in my well or in an area of the state?**

The Well Construction Report may include sampling results from when the well was constructed. You can look up information in other databases available on DNR's [Drinking water data](#) web page. You can also [Test your private well](#) by collecting a sample and having it analyzed by a certified laboratory.

• **I am buying/selling property and have questions about a well inspection.**

See DNR's web page on [Property transfer well inspections](#).

QUESTIONS?

- After trying these tips, if you have additional questions or have technical difficulty using the databases, please email your question to [DNR WELLREPORT](#)